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"Politics in New Mexico Schools"

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 The above caption is quoted from a headline in an El Paso newspaper of a few days ago, over a dispatch from Santa Fe. The dispatch itself presented nothing particularly objectionable in the way of politics in our schools, being devoted chiefly to a rather wide-of-the-mark discussion of probable candidates for the office of superintendent of public instruction in this year's election.

But the headline serves to call attention to a condition which has existed at times in the past in New Mexico's school system, and which may come to exist again both in state and county school administration, unless we are very careful in the choosing of candidates for administrative positions in school government. There have been times in the past when New Mexico's superintendency of public instruction has been regarded wholly as a political office and administered as such. Fortunately political activity appears to have been wholly excluded from the office during the present administration thereof. The result has been efficiency and important progress in our whole school system. Also during the past four years we have had fewer petitioners in our county superintendents' offices than ever before, and county school administration also has been far more effective than ever before. Time was when the position of county school superintendent was looked upon as a political berth for an organization banger-on; one of the minor jobs for willing workers, and of only such importance general as measured by the size of the incumbent's campaign contributions and his willingness to manipulate matters in school districts and broulhual school directors. This condition has almost wholly disappeared from the counties during the past four years, having seen the benefits to be had from the rigid elimination of pullies from our school administrative positions we should be able without much urging to demand that this elimination be continued. Of all candidates for places on state and county tickets during the coming spring and summer we should scrutinize most carefully those for the educational administrative positions and any man who may reasonably be suspected of attaching more importance to success as a politician than to success as a school man should be barred by fitting public sentiment.

APPORTIONMENT OF THE GENERAL SCHOOL FUND

This is to certify that J. H. Erett, County Superintendent of Schools in and for Union County, New Mexico, have apportioned the General School Fund of said county. The amount apportioned is \$2,912.50. The scholastic population of the county for the school year of 1915-16 is 5275. The rate per capita is \$1.50 and is apportioned to the several districts of the county as follows:

Distr.	Amount	Census
1	\$633.00	322
2	61.50	41
3	692.50	229
4	75.00	50
5	153.00	102
6	129.00	95
7	28.50	53
8	84.00	36
9	68.00	41
10	55.50	33
11	94.50	63
12	52.50	35
13	103.50	59
14	81.00	54
15	147.50	125
16	124.50	83
17	106.50	67
18	65.00	41
19	60.00	40
Total	\$2,912.50	5275

Done at Clayton, New Mexico, this 20th day of December A. D. 1915.

H. H. ERETT,
County Superintendent of Schools

Henry Ford to Meet the Gang

Detroit, Jan. 4.—Henry Ford, leader of the peace mission to The Hague, returned to Detroit today, but at the station he avoided a delegation of local citizens who had planned to welcome him home and present him with a floral piece in recognition of his peace efforts. He remained in his private car and proceeded to his country home at Dearborn. A public meeting in honor of Mr. Ford is being planned for the near future. The only member of the Ford party who left the train in Detroit was Rev. Samuel Marquis, dean of St. Paul's cathedral here.

Rev. Mr. Marquis said that tomorrow morning he will don his working clothes and proceed to the Ford factory, where he is under engagement for a year to study sociological conditions among the 20,000 employees of the Ford factories.

Annual Meeting of Farmers Society of Equity

The first meeting of the Farmers Society of Equity of Union County was held in the Court House at Clayton on Saturday, January 1st, 1916. Reading was called to order by W. H. Lindsay, of the Sedan local, acting president in place of W. H. McNamee, President of Wan-

der, N. M., who could not attend on account of urgent work on the construction of the Equity Telephone system which was being connected with the Clayton system. House called to order at one p.m., all delegates being present and after reading the minutes of the last meeting by Sec. W. E. Coates, a report was called for from the board of directors as to the progress made for the last six months in the county.

This report was rendered by J. A. McGinn, secretary of the Board of Directors and in part as follows:

"Tidings up our work," said Mr. McGinn, "we realized that the process was to be slow owing to the time of the year in which we started,

which was the middle part of July and all farmers being very busy. However, after securing the services of Mr. T. K. Huffman, of Carson Valley, N. M., as county organizer, we started into the work

with an effort which has borne very

good results and new locals being added to the society at the rate of

three to four a week and great interest being manifested until the illness of our county organizer, Mr.

Huffman prevented any further or-

ganization work being done for the

balance of the year 1915.

Locals have been placed at most

of the school districts in the east

part of the county from the north

to the south end and provisions have

been made to complete the organi-

zation of the balance of the county

in the early spring.

A charter for a county clearing

house has been granted through the

national organization and arrangements are under way for the erection

of a county warehouse and elevator

in the near future.

Plans are being put into form

which will have a tendency to unify

the production of our brown corn

growing for the next season. By this

we mean that an effort will be made

to obtain seed, select the best plant

and cultivate, harvest, mature, seed

and bake. The same is the most

experienced methods so that all the

brown corn grown by the Equity

members shall be of a uniform grade

as far as soil conditions will permit,

and to promote this end an experienced brown corn grower from

each local working under the super-

vision of a county man, having been

selected for his ability as a suc-

cessful brown corn grower, will co-operate with each grower in the

district, each working along the most

approved lines of handling brown

corn from selecting the seed to the

marketing of the crop.

It is the intention of the association to follow the same plan in the growing and marketing of other farm crops and live stock and in this work they will have help of the state and the federal government.

After the report was made and accepted, the election of officers for the coming year was in order.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Mr. W. H. Lindsay; Vice President, J. F. Francis; Treasurer, J. A. McGinn. As board of directors, one member from each local, to be elected by said locals and then from this number an executive committee to conduct or direct said county's business. This election to take place at the first quarterly meeting for 1916, which is the first Saturday in the month of April, and which in this case will be Saturday, April 1st, 1916.

Mr. John T. Smith of the New

Home local was elected trustee to fill the vacancy made vacant by the resignation of J. A. McGinn, who was elected Secy-Treas.

Mr. J. A. McGinn was also hired by the county trustees as business agent for the society. J. A. McGinn has considerable experience in this line and it is hoped that through his efforts and the co-operation of each and every member of the society, that the business affairs of said society will be greatly improved during the year 1916.

Wither Garrett, Dead

Mr. J. H. Garrett, one of the first men to come to the Gila River country, died at Kingfisher, Okla., on Dec. 20th, of heart trouble. Mother was the wife of A. H. Garrett, for whom the Garrett post office was named. They settled on the Gila River in the 80's and for many years maintained a typical frontier home, widely known among the persons for its good hospitality. They raised their family there on the river bank. Arthur and Ed Garrett, all well known in this county and state, are connected with its early history. Mrs. W. L. Brown of Texline is a daughter. —Gila River News.

Notice of School Bond Election

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the school district organized under the name of BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE VILLAGE OF CLAYTON, in the State of New Mexico, that a special election will be held on February 1st, 1916, at the Court-House, in Clayton, New Mexico, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., for the purpose of voting upon the question of issuing \$2,000 Bonds of said Board of Education of the village of Clayton in order to borrow money for the purpose of erecting and furnishing a school building within said district and purchasing the necessary site therefor.

H. H. Edmundson, Geo. H. Wade and C. H. Kiser have been appointed judges, and A. J. McDonald and Mike Battaloff clerks of said election.

M. R. Jones,
Village Clerk.

Laverne B. Brown,
Clerk of Board of Education.

San Francisco Hit by Severe Storm in Years

San Francisco, Jan. 2.—A southerly gale that quickly developed into a 7-mile-an-hour hurricane struck San Francisco today killing one, severely injuring several persons and doing a heavy bill in property damage. The storm was said by weather experts to be the worst that has visited this city in twenty-seven years. Henry Gilliam, a retired drug man from Los Angeles was fatally injured tonight by a falling sign and died soon afterward. Many other persons were hurt by flying debris not at all the municipal hospitals, doctors and nurses were kept busy stitching up victims.

An untenant two-story apartment house was demolished and other buildings were damaged. More than 100 glass windows were blown in.

Waves kicked up by the wind on the bay endangered small craft. Every traffic was maintained with difficulty. The lower decks of several ferries were swept by seas and many passengers who escaped drowning knelt in prayer.

Several coasters that put to sea turned back. Shipping along the coast had received ample warning of the storm and it was believed that no large vessels would suffer.

Among the tall buildings down town the wind played curious pranks. People on one side of Market street stood in comparative calm and watched the people on the other side struggling with a gale that brooked no resistance and which, while it swept the crowds before it, jugged overhead with a collection of hats, caps advertising signs, umbrellas and electric light bulbs.

Killed by Idle Gossip

An Exchange

Up in Illinois last month that was the verdict brought in by a coroner's jury that investigated the slaying of a young woman and mother in the town of Western Springs.

Killed by idle gossip.

No individual was named, no man or woman singled out for accusation, over the cold form of the young mother who had taken her own life rather than bear the whips and slurs of critical tongues, the jury pronounced its verdict, arraignment before the bar of conscience every man and woman who had thrown a stone, in form of a harsh word, at the unfortunate one.

Not an individual in that town who had spud the gossip on was exempt, each and every one was made participants criminals of the murderer. For it was murder of the woman's hope and faith and courage had made set her hand to the poison cup, the quaffing of which brought at least oblivion from the daily crucifixion of her soul.

How did the men and women of that little western town accept the stinging verdict? Did they take it to heart as a lesson never to be forgotten, but ever and ever to be heeded? For surely not since the man of Galilee "stooped and wrote upon the sand" in the face of the infuriated mob and the accused and scared woman has there been taught to the world a more vital and terrible lesson.

The whole picture rises before the mind, the forsaken woman with her child, the cold avoidance and cruel neglect from her neighbors, the stinging taunts, the growing loneliness and the ever darkening fear of the future. Every contemptuous glance lowered her spiritual vitality; every unkind word beat her lower in the dust of humiliation and sorrow, until the end seemed imperative, and she took her soul in her own hands and sent it back to its maker.

And the pity of it is that this is not the only victim of the scandalmonger's gossip. The woman in the Illinois town is but the prototype of hundreds of other victims who die the death of the hopeless through the stabbing and stinging of serpent tongues.

Here, amid the graying shadows of the passing year, is a good time for each individual to search the conscience with the question, "Have I helped to spread an evil tale? Am I incriminated by that verdict—spoken or unspoken—Killed by idle gossip?"

And when the answer comes, as one it will, if the question is honestly asked, let it be to each of us a measure of conduct for the future. The unwed young mother, dead by her own hand in that obscure little town, becomes, through the precept of her self-destruction, the accuser of every idle gossip who slimes the earth.

Methodist News Jan. 9.

Sunday school 9:45 a.m.
Morning worship 11:00 a.m. Sermon, "Make Jesus King."

Evening meeting Sermon, "The Way to Salvation."

Prayer meeting Wednesday the 12th, 7:30 p.m. Subject "Prayer."

Baptist Services

for Sunday, January 9th.
9:30 a.m. Sunday School.

11:00 a.m. Morning worship. Subject of sermon, "The Reign of the Holy Spirit."

7:30 p.m. Sermon, "The Herald of Christ."

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

J. Q. Herrin, Pastor.